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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53 and 35 USC 111(a) of pending prior international PCT application:  
PCT Application No.: PCT/EP99/01121 Filed: February 20, 1999

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- [X] Enclosed is an English translation of the prior German language PCT application No. PCT/EP99/01121 and an affidavit or declaration by the translator verifying it as a true and correct translation.
- [ ] A Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by the inventors is enclosed.
- [X] The filing fee is calculated as follows after entering the enclosed Preliminary Amendment:

For	No. Filed	No. Extra	(X) LG Entity	RATE SM Entity	( ) Fee
Basic Fee			\$690.00	\$345.00	\$690.00
Total Claims ( 16 - 20 = 0)		x	\$ 18.00	x \$ 9.00	0.00
Indep. Claims ( 1 - 3 = 0)		x	\$ 78.00	x \$ 39.00	0.00
[0] Multiple Dependent Claim		+	\$260.00	+ \$130.00	0.00
* * * TOTAL FILING FEE * * *					\$ 690.00

5. [X] A check for \$690.00 is enclosed to cover fees.
6. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 which may be required by this communication to Deposit Account No. 20-1124. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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7. ☐ A Verified Statement under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 regarding small entity status:
- a. ☐ was filed in prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. ☐ is enclosed. (Not required if a Verified Statement is in the prior application.)
8. ☐ Cancel in this application original Claim \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (Retain at least one independent claim.)
9. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: ---This is a continuation of international PCT application No. PCT/EP99/01121 having international filing date of February 20, 1999, which designates the United States.---
10. ☐ Transfer the formal drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for filing in the prior application file. (May only be used if signed by a person authorized by 37 CFR 1.138 and before payment of the issue fee.)
11. ☐ Drawing sheets enclosed:
- ☐ bristol board
- ☐ soft copy
12. ☒ Priority is claimed under 35 USC 365(c) and 120 based on international PCT Application No. PCT/EP99/01121 filed February 20, 1999, which designates the United States and German Application Serial No. 198 12 122.9, filed March 19, 1998.
13. ☐ Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet and Assignment.
14. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. Please enter before calculating the filing fee.
15. ☐ An Amendment Before First Office Action is enclosed. (Claims added are numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim.)
16. ☐ I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
17. ☒ Acknowledgment Postal Card
18. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement

Encl: Listed Above

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translator to Engineering Translations, of "Hollyhocks",  
Cherry Tree Road, Farnham Royal, Buckinghamshire,  
England, hereby declare that I am conversant with the  
German and English languages and am a competent  
translator thereof. I declare further that to the best  
of my knowledge and belief the following is a true and  
correct translation of the accompanying documents in the  
German language.

Signed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2000



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For and on behalf of Engineering Translations